

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### LISTING OF CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) An illumination device comprising:  
a light source; and  
a light guide for receiving light from the light source at a light-receiving face ~~of the light guide~~ thereof and emitting the light from a light-emitting face of the light guide,  
wherein a face opposite the light-receiving face of the light guide is formed as an inclined plane so that a face opposite the light-emitting face projects beyond the light-emitting face at a side of the inclined plane.

2. (original) An illumination device according to Claim 1, wherein an angle of inclination of the inclined plane is approximately ten degrees in a positive or negative direction with respect to a plane normal to the light-emitting face of the light guide.

3. (original) An illumination device according to Claim 1, wherein a reflective member is provided on the face opposite the light-emitting face of the light guide.

4. (original) An illumination device according to Claim 1, wherein a reflective member is provided on the inclined plane of the light guide.

5. (currently amended) An illumination device comprising:  
a light source;  
a light guide for receiving light from the light source at a light-receiving face ~~of the light guide~~ thereof and emitting the light from a light-emitting face of the light guide; and

diffusion patterns provided on the light-emitting face or a face opposite the light-emitting face of the light guide,

wherein the face opposite the light-receiving face of the light guide is formed as an inclined plane so that a face opposite the light-emitting face projects beyond the light-emitting face at a side of the inclined plane; and

wherein the pattern density of the diffusion patterns increases from the inclined plane toward a middle part of the light guide.

6. (original) An illumination device according to Claim 5, wherein an expression  $S_0 < S_1 < S_2$  is satisfied, in which  $S_0$  denotes the pattern density of the diffusion patterns disposed in the vicinity of the light source,  $S_1$  denotes the pattern density of the diffusion patterns disposed in the vicinity of the inclined plane, and  $S_2$  denotes the pattern density of the diffusion patterns disposed in the middle part of the light guide.

7. (original) An illumination device according to Claim 6, wherein an expression  $L_1 > L_2$  is satisfied, in which  $L_1$  denotes a distance from the diffusion patterns having the pattern density  $S_0$  and disposed closest to the light source to the diffusion patterns having the pattern density  $S_2$  and disposed in the middle part, and  $L_2$  denotes a distance from the diffusion patterns having the pattern density  $S_1$  and disposed closest to the inclined plane to the diffusion patterns having the pattern density  $S_2$  and disposed in the middle part.

8. (original) An illumination device according to Claim 5, wherein the light source is an LED (light emitting diode).

9. (currently amended) A liquid crystal apparatus comprising:  
a liquid crystal panel comprising a pair of substrates sandwiching liquid crystal; and

an illumination device supplying light to the liquid crystal panel, the illumination device including:

a light source; and

a light guide which receives light from the light source at a light-receiving face ~~of the light guide thereof~~ and emits the light from a light-emitting face of the light guide, wherein a face opposite the light-receiving face of the light guide is formed as an inclined plane so that a face opposite the light-emitting face projects beyond the light-emitting face at a side of the inclined plane.

10. (currently amended) A liquid crystal apparatus comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a pair of substrates sandwiching liquid crystal; and

an illumination device supplying light to the liquid crystal panel, the illumination device including:

a light source;

a light guide which receives light from the light source at a light-receiving face ~~of the light guide thereof~~ and emits the light from a light-emitting face of the light guide; and

diffusion patterns provided on at least one of the light-emitting face and a face opposite the light-emitting face of the light guide;

wherein the face opposite the light-receiving face of the light guide is formed as an inclined plane so that a face opposite the light-emitting face projects beyond the light-emitting face at a side of the inclined plane; and

the pattern density of the diffusion patterns increases from the inclined face toward a middle part of the light guide.

11. (new) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel including:

a pair of substrates sandwiching liquid crystal; and  
a liquid crystal driving IC mounted on a substrate-extension part where one of the pair of substrates extends beyond the other substrate; and  
an illumination device disposed at a non-display side of the liquid crystal panel and supplying light to the liquid crystal panel, the illumination device including:  
a light source; and  
a light guide which receives light from the light source at a light-receiving face thereof and emits the light from a light-emitting face of the light guide;  
wherein the light source is disposed at a side where the liquid crystal driving IC is mounted on the substrate-extension part and facing the light-receiving face; and  
a face opposite the light-receiving face of the light guide is formed as an inclined plane.

12. (new) A liquid crystal device according to Claim 12, wherein a face opposite the light-emitting face extends beyond the light-emitting face at a side of the inclined plane.

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